

GERMANS EVACUATE LODZ

SHIP PURCHASE BILL FOES WIN SENATE FIGHT

Democrats Make Another
Effort To Save Measure
Today.

WILSON HAS NEW PLANS

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS
NOW SEEMS TO BE
INEVITABLE.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Administration forces were re-formed to continue the fight over the ship bill at an early conference today between President Wilson, Senators Fletcher and Simmons and Representative Kitchin. It was decided to stand behind Senator Gore's substitute for the bill now pending in the senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Today the plan of the administration forces in charge of the ship purchase bill is to press Senator Fletcher's motion to recommit it with instructions for its amendment to satisfy Progressive Republicans.

It is conceded, however, that this motion will be defeated and that Senator Clark's motion to recommit the bill to the commerce committee without instructions will prevail.

Senator Kenyon will vote for the latter measure and Senator Norris is also reported to be in favor of this action.

Republican and Democratic Senators who oppose the government ship purchase bill aided by Senators Norris and Kenyon, Progressive Republicans who have stood by the bill, forced an adjournment last night of the longest continuous session in the history of the Senate, and made more uncertain than ever the fate of the measure which the administration has so urgently pressed upon Congress.

Upon the adjournment after 54 hours and 11 minutes of continuous debate, leading members of both houses of Congress conceded that an extra session, to be called soon after March 4, seemed inevitable. There were some, however, who still hoped that there yet might be time to dispose of appropriation bills and the ship purchase measure in some form before adjournment.

Adjournment came on a motion made by Senator O'Gorman, which prevailed, 48 to 46, after Senator Norris, deploring the fatiguing filibuster, had proclaimed his conclusion that opponents of the ship purchase bill could filibuster it to its death.

Norris Condemns Filibusters.
The confident belief that the filibuster against the bill could be continued until March 4 and that it would be impossible to force the expiration of the Congress was given by Senator Norris as his reason for voting to break the long grind.

"I am not finding fault with Senators," he said, "for doing what, under the rules, they have a perfect right to do. But these filibusters are increasing. It is unfortunate that we cannot decide any great issue without a test of physical strength. It is a relic of barbarism. Both sides of this Senate have conducted filibusters, and if the situation were to change tonight, the Democratic side would begin a filibuster on this very measure."

Senator Norris read his proposed amendment to the Senate rules which would limit debate.
"Extra Session Seems Sure."
"We stay here night after night," he said, "and are dragged out of our beds to answer a roll call when there are three or four Senators in the chamber. It is ludicrous, it is foolish, except that the consequences are sometimes serious and the practice is engaged in by serious men. This flood of talk has no object but to kill time, and kill the members. I don't know what day of the month it is, or what day of the week it is. But I know it is February, and it will soon be March 4. You know and I know and God knows that with about one-half of the members of the Senate determined to continue this filibuster, they can absolutely prevent a vote on this bill until after March 4."

Senator Norris said that while he favored the ship purchase bill, he could not see why all of the time from now until March 4 should be wasted in a useless effort to bring the measure to a vote.

"I understand that it has been announced from the White House," continued Senator Norris, "that if this bill is not passed there will be a special session of Congress soon after March 4. I assume that this is true. If this filibuster continues until March 4, we would have to have an extra session anyway to pass the appropriation bills. So there is nothing to be gained by continuing this fight and nothing to be lost. When the special session comes, as come it must, I will support this ship purchase bill heartily."

GENERAL GALLIENI.

Commander of French
Forces in Alsace.



TRAINMEN DEFEND THE FULL CREW BILL

Says That It Is Fulfilling Its
Mission By Making
"Safety First."

(By Associated Press)
HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 11.—The legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors today made public a statement in reply to the announcement several days ago by a committee of thirteen railroad companies operating in Pennsylvania and New Jersey that the corporations would seek to have the full crew laws in these two states repealed.

The railroad men in their statement denied that the full forces require the employment of men whose services are not necessary. The statement adds: "The full crew bill has not in the two years it has been in force impaired the prosperity of the railroads nor added needless expense to the operation of transportation companies. It has fulfilled its mission of making 'safety first' a principle in railroad operations and marked an era of freedom from calamity in railroading that is a credit to the transportation companies and an honor to the State of Pennsylvania."

Committee Reports Amended Health Bill

CHARLESTON, Feb. 11.—Revamped by the committee on medicine and sanitation of the house, the public health measure emerged from that committee somewhat altered as to the powers given the proposed health department, but still carrying large salaries. The amended bill, coming from committee, leaves the salary of the commissioner of health at \$5,000 and still provides for district health officers at \$2,000 and a health council who are to receive \$10 per day when engaged in service. The bill reduces the number of heads of divisions of the department from four to two. A material change is made in the bill, however, with reference to the drainage from mines and other industries which the health department is given power to restrict only so far as it is shown that such drainage contains disease.

Wheeling Charter Bill On Second Reading

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—The Wheeling charter bill, proposing to submit two charters to a vote of the people at the municipal election in May, was advanced to second reading yesterday in the house of delegates. Several amendments to the amended charter were offered by Delegate Otto, who introduced the bill, and were adopted by the house. No changes were made in the "Greater Wheeling" charter, which is included in the bill. One of the amendments offered by Otto permitted the pensioning of firemen injured in service.

Father Ledochowsky Is Named Black Pope

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Feb. 11.—Father Ledochowsky was today elected general of the Society of Jesus in succession to Father Francis Wernz. The generals of the Society of Jesus are elected for life by the general congregation of this order. The general of the society is known as the Black Pope.

Opposition Brews On The Road Bill

CHARLESTON, Feb. 11.—Some opposition may be encountered by the state road department's new bill revising the road laws of the state.

In section 20 of the bill it is stipulated that the county court of any county before accepting any contract to build a bridge shall secure a report from the state road bureau upon the plans and specifications of the contract.

Section 107 of the bill authorizes the state board of public works to create a state road fund by levying on the taxable property of the state a levy of five cents, the levy to be laid upon a petition of a majority of the county courts of the state. The fund is to be administered upon certificate from the state road bureau by the auditor, who shall pay the amount or amounts to the proper county authority to be disbursed as provided and to be applied only to the road designated in the certificate.

RE-DISTRICT BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Provides Six Congressional
Districts Instead
Of Five.

(Special to The West Virginian)
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—The Senate passed the congressional redistricting bill making six congressional districts instead of five, by a strict party vote, also the county depositors bill and the one amending the state board of control act, permitting a member of that board to hold another lucrative office within one year after his term of office shall have expired and enlarging the powers of the board.

The Senate concurred in two of three amendments made by the House in Senator Gregory's bill giving special police, conductors and others to carry weapons, but owing to the great number of amendments made by the Senate committee in the county salary bill from the House, the bill consideration was continued until tomorrow.

The House concurred in the Senate amendments to House bills 65 and 157 relating to railroad construction and jailors fees respectively, and passed Delegate Davidson's contagious animal disease bill as advocated by the stock raisers of the state.

The Senate this morning put its stamp of disapproval on rank class legislation when on motion of Senator Fox, democrat, the enacting clause was stricken out of Senate bill 144, which was framed to prevent a "Bull Moose" publication in Mason county from being the county printing of that county. The bill as drafted required all towns and cities of ten thousand or less to publish any financial statements or legal matter in the oldest paper of the two leading political parties, located at the county seat. But eight votes were cast against striking out the enacting clause, ten of the twenty-one Republicans present voted to kill the bill, which was advocated by Mrs. Lydia Simpson Pot-fenbarger, the only woman editor and publisher in the state.

Shipping Rate Across Continent Reduced

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—To meet new traffic conditions which have arisen with the opening of the Panama Canal, the Interstate Commerce Commission today permitted transcontinental railroads to establish certain commodity rates from eastern points to the Pacific coast lower than those to intermediate points in intermountain territory.

The order permits railroads to carry carload freight from Chicago, Buffalo and New York to intermediate points 15, 25 and 35 cents higher than from Missouri river to the same destinations, and less than carload commodity rates from Chicago, Pittsburgh and New York to intermediate points, may exceed those from the Missouri River to the same destination by 25, 40 and 55 cents respectively.

Carload rates on coal and pig iron may be less to the Pacific coast than to intermediate points, but the rates on such articles to the higher rated intermediate points must not exceed 5 mills per ton a mile. "The Pacific coast terminal to which these rates will apply," says the explanation, "are the points at which the Atlantic and Pacific steamships deliver their freight."

Shaw Seeking More Money For School

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—Prof. John Shaw, principal of the West Liberty Normal school, appeared before the house committee to ask that the appropriation for that institution be made as large as possible. The board of control has in its estimates asked for only \$45,000 for the West Liberty school. Prof. Shaw argues that it ought to be much larger for buildings and grounds.

Dacia To Sail For Germany Under American Colors.



Flag staff at the stern of the S. S. Dacia, with American flag unfurled.

Insert is of Captain George McDonald, commander of the Dacia.
The Dacia, was formerly of the first owned by the Hamburg-American line, and was recently purchased by Edward Brielung, and transferred to American register. She is scheduled to sail from Norfolk in the near future with a consignment of food stuffs for Germany. This despite the warning of the British admiralty that the ship will be taken as a prize if she sails with a shipment for Germany.

ENGLAND WARNED ON USE OF U.S. FLAG

Britain and Germany Both
Receive Notes From
United States.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The United States has warned Great Britain and Germany, respectively, that the general use of the American flag by British vessels would be viewed with grave concern here, and that the destruction by Germany of any American vessel in the newly prescribed war zones would lead to serious complications.

While the Lusitania incident is not mentioned in the note to England, the representations to Great Britain are based on the statement of the British foreign office justifying the use of neutral flags by her merchantmen to escape capture.

The American government points out her frequent and continued use of this stratagem might cast doubt on the character of the vessels really entitled to fly the American flag and produce dangers to which neutral ships ought not to be subjected on the high seas and in unblockaded waters.

Note to Germany.

In the note to Germany it is understood that the United States asked how the German admiralty proposed to carry out in practice its recent proclamation of a war on merchant ships and its warning that on account of the misuse of neutral flags by belligerent vessels neutral ships could not always be distinguished when an attack was made. The introduction of the submarine into warfare produces a situation not covered by any existing declaration of international law, but the United States has made it clear, it is understood, that an attack on a vessel flying the American flag without first ascertaining definitely that such use was justifiable could not be viewed gravely by the American government, and bring about serious complications.

The United States has not fully expressed itself on the German proclamation, confining itself for the present to an inquiry for more information on which future representations may or may not be based.

File Exceptions In Virginia Debt Suit

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 11.—Notice has been served upon Attorney General Lilly by counsel for the State of Virginia in the Virginia debt suit that exceptions to the report of Special Master Littlefield will be filed with the United States Supreme Court on March 1, 1915, and that on that date a move will be made to set the case down for hearing upon the report of the special master.

Exceptions to the report already have been prepared by counsel for West Virginia.

WILHELMINA CARGO PRIZE OF ENGLAND

Ship May Depart After Con-
tents Of Hold Is Un-
loaded by British.

(By Associated Press)
FALMOUTH, (via London), Feb. 11.—The cargo of the American steamer Wilhelmina was seized by the British authorities here today. The cargo is to go to a prize court.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The British foreign office, after an inquiry, has decided that the cargo of the American steamship Wilhelmina must go through a prize court. The ship may depart from Falmouth as soon as the cargo is discharged.

It is officially confirmed that the Wilhelmina was neither conveyed nor ordered into Falmouth, but was compelled to make that port because of damage suffered in storms while crossing the Atlantic.

Battered by Storms.
The Wilhelmina was so battered by storms during her passage that she will be obliged to remain in the harbor for a few days.

Two of the Wilhelmina's boats were damaged, her bow plates were started and other injuries were sustained. Without definitely refusing the suggestion the foreign office has, nevertheless, so expressed its disapproval of the proposal for a joint prize court to which one or more judges might be appointed by the neutral and the allied powers, that there seems little likelihood of the adoption of the idea.

Official War News.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Feb. 11.—Aeroplane expeditions by French and German aviators in the northern section of the western field in which a number of bombs were dropped without serious damage, and artillery exchanges along the entire front, are reported by the official French statement today. Infantry engagements in the region of Champagne, the Argonne, and in the Vosges, successful for the French, are also reported.

(By Associated Press)
BERLIN, (by wireless to London), Feb. 11.—Infantry engagements successful for the Germans in the Argonne and in central and southern Vosges are reported today in the official German statement. The deep snow is hindering operations in the eastern area. In Poland the Germans have made slight gains. Other sections of the front report inactivity.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Friday, warmer tonight.
Western Pennsylvania—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, warmer tonight; colder in northwest portion Friday.

SECOND CITY OF POLAND IS AGAIN SURRENDERED TO RUSSIAN FORCES

Kaiser Is Said To Have Withdrawn Many Of His Sol-
From Around Warsaw and Sent Them to the
Battlefield In Eastern Prussia.

FIERCE WARFARE GOING ON IN ALSACE REGION

French Capture Valuable Position From the Teutons
After a Battle Lasting Several Weeks.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—The evacuation of Lodz by the Germans has been confirmed according to a Petrograd dispatch, which states that stores, officers, commissariat and transports are being removed hastily to Kalisz. A refugee who escaped to Czenstochowa, the dispatch credits with the statement that the Germans have resumed with redoubled vigor the construction of heavily fortified lines which were suspended six weeks ago.

Lodz, the second city of Poland was captured by the Germans, December 6, when Field Marshal Von Hindenburg began his dash for Warsaw. The Russians were driven from the city, only after a desperate resistance according to German reports, although Petrograd contended it was evacuated for strategic reasons.

The Russians were reported yesterday to have assumed the offensive on the Warsaw front in an effort to push back the Germans who are said to have transferred many troops from that region to East Prussia.

(By Associated Press)
BERNE, Switzerland via Paris, Feb. 11.—Military activity is apparent in upper Alsace, especially in the large valley and in the districts of Psesterhausen and Rechesy close to the Swiss frontier, where fierce artillery duels take place every day.

Two hundred German volunteers, covering their uniforms with sheets so they would not make such excellent targets which outlined against snow, crept to the barbed wire entanglement in front of the French position, Wednesday night. They were not discovered until they were about to cut the wire. Then the French machine guns opened fire and the Germans were forced to retire leaving half their number in killed and wounded.

(By Associated Press)
ST. OMER, France, via Paris, Feb. 11.—The capture of the hill of Notre Dame de Loretta by the French has been announced at headquarters here. The hill which dominates the entire region has been fiercely disputed for weeks. A position captured by the British close to Valenciennes station was one of considerable importance as it overlooked La Bassee.

The Germans made several attempts to recapture it but the British troops held strongly fortified lines and repulsed the attack with slaughter.

The British captured on Sunday night two trenches in this region taking 500 prisoners who belonged apparently to the newest class of German recruits. Nearly all were young and wore new uniforms.

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Feb. 11.—The situation in the eastern arena of the fighting is occupying the attention of the military authorities in Berlin in a very large degree, if reliance may be placed on news dispatches reaching London from the continent.

According to these, Emperor William returned hurriedly to Berlin from the Polish war theatre and at once held a prolonged military conference, summoning for this purpose many well known leaders. According to the correspondents of certain neutral Danish newspapers, Emperor William finds the situation generally hopeful, but is described as greatly depressed over the terrible price in men Germany has been compelled to pay for comparatively limited advances against the entrenched Russians.

One account from Warsaw places the German losses on the Bzura and the Rakwa front at 45,000 dead. This report is absolutely without confirmation. Nevertheless Danish military critics say Emperor William has protested against the slaughter, and that as result an effort will be made by the German war staff to transfer the fighting to some point where the Russians are less forcibly entrenched.

The Russian reports of the fighting from the extreme north to extreme southeast of the line through Poland continue optimistic. The loss of some ground to the Teutonic allies in Bukovina appears to have been more than offset by what the dispatches from Petrograd describe as the strategic importance of Russian gains in the Carpathians.

In the Carpathians it is evident that both sides find the fighting among the snow covered passes with only the most precarious connections with sources of supplies a warfare in which the results gained are very dearly purchased.

In East Prussia the situation is becoming clearer. The Germans have rushed heavy reinforcements hither, and with these men, they expect to be able to stall the Russian advance. The Russians, however, already would appear to be in a position threatening Insterburg, from which German towns the population is reported to have been advised to depart until the present military operations are concluded.

In the western arena of the war the fighting for the past few days has been or relatively small importance, and the promised big effort of one side or the other is still delayed, pending the advent of more favorable weather.

The situation in the Balkan states appears to be rapidly crystallizing. Bulgaria will receive a large consignment of her German loan within the next few weeks. Roumania is finding that Austria-Hungary is clamoring for a definite statement of her attitude. Nevertheless she shows no disposition prematurely to reveal her intentions, and the Entente powers, Great Britain, France and Russia, seem to be quite satisfied that Roumania's ultimate action will be on their side.

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